

Claims

1. A golf bag having a closed base and a top with at least one aperture therethrough so as to receive at least one shaft of a golf club, said base and said top being interconnected by means
5 of at least one tubular member which has its ends secured relative to said base and said top, characterised in that said at least one tubular member has a series of apertures through the side walls of said tube.
2. A golf bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one tubular member has a mesh construction.
- 10 3. A golf bag as claimed in the claim 1 or 2, wherein the shape of said apertures is selected from one of or a combination of one or more of the following: circular, square, rectangular, diamond shaped, rhombic, pentagonal, hexagonal, octagonal
4. A golf bag as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein said at least one tubular member is formed as a tube by a moulding process.
- 15 5. A golf bag as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein said at least one tubular member is formed from an elongated piece of sheet material with the longitudinal sides of said sheet material being joined end to end.
6. A golf bag as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein between said base and said top there is provided an appropriately rigid spine member.
- 20 7. A golf bag as claimed in claim 6, wherein a web member extends from said spine portion in opposite directions around said golf bag.
8. A golf bag as claimed in claim 7, wherein said web portion is located adjacent both said top and said base.
9. A golf bag as claimed in claim 8, wherein a substantial proportion of the length of said at
25 least one tubular member is not covered by said web portion.
10. A golf bag as claimed any one of claims 6 to 9, wherein said spine member is hollow.
11. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 10, wherein said spine member receives a handle member which can move into and out of said rigid spine member.
12. A golf bag as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein said top and said base are
30 of substantially the same shape in plan view.
13. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein said golf bag is a composite of a first and second portions.
14. A golf bag as claimed in claim 13, wherein said first portion has a base and a top which is in part the same shape as said base.

15. A golf bag as claimed in claim 13 or 14, wherein said second portion has a top and base which are similar in plan view.
16. A golf bag as claimed in claim 15, wherein the base of said second portion fits into the base of said first portion, with said top of said second portion being of a shape which
5 complements the shape of said top of said first portion to form a combined shape which is substantially the same as said base of said first portion.
17. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 16, wherein both said first and second portions have at least one tubular member having a series of lateral apertures therethrough.
18. A golf bag as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein said golf bag has a
10 removable cover.
19. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 18, wherein the first and second portion of said golf bag are held together by a removable cover.
20. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 19 wherein a latch mechanism holds said tops together.
- 15 21. A golf bag as claimed in claims 13 to 20, wherein said first and second portions have complementary nesting surfaces wherein said second portion can be nested within said first portion.
22. A golf bag as claimed in claim 21, wherein said nesting surfaces are provided along one side of each of said first and second portions along a substantial length thereof.
- 20 23. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 22, wherein said cover is made from a synthetic or natural cloth or material.
24. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 23, wherein said cover is flexible or at least in part rigid or at least in part flexible or rigid.
25. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 24, wherein the cover is secured to said bag
25 via surfaces on said top and base members or adjacent thereto.
26. A golf bag as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 25, wherein said cover is secured by means of one or more of the following: hook and loop fixing members, spigots and eyelets, zippers, buttons, press studs.
27. A golf bag as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein there is a plurality of
30 tubular members and apertures through said top.
28. A golf bag as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein said golf bag includes a fitment on a side thereof said fitment allowing an undercarriage to be clamped thereto, said undercarriage have two first class levers with a common fulcrum whereby said fitment is clamped by proximal ends of said levers when said distal ends are spaced from each other.

29. A golf bag as claimed in claim 28, wherein the proximal ends of said levers have wheels rotatably mounted thereto.
30. A golf bag as claimed in claim 28 or 29, wherein said levers are held in space relation to each other by a strut.
- 5 31. A golf bag as claimed in claim 30, wherein said strut is of an adjustable length or of a hinged construction.
32. A golf bag as claimed in claim 30 or 32, wherein said undercarriage can be detached and collapsed by collapsing said strut.
33. A method of manufacturing a golf bag, the method comprising the steps of:
- 10 forming a frame having a first and second end,
said first end having at least one aperture therethrough to receive a shaft of a golf club,
said second end being formed with a ring to receive a base
passing at least one tube into said frame via said ring so that the at least tube will provide a
passage from a respective one of said at least one apertures to said ring
- 15 joining a base to said ring to secure the free ends of said at least one tube.
34. A frame from which to construct a golf bag, said frame including a top end having at least one aperture therethrough to receive one or more shafts of a golf club to be held in said bag, a base ring held spaced apart from said top end by a spine which extends between said top end and said base end.
- 20 35. A frame as claimed in claim 34, wherein said top end and said base ring are of the same peripheral shape.
36. A frame as claimed in claim 34 or 35 wherein the base ring receives a base end cap to close said ring.
37. A frame as claimed in claim 36, wherein said base end cap can be secured to said ring by one
- 25 of the following: the interaction of tongues and recesses on the base and ring; rivets; adhesive; sonic welding.
38. A frame as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 37, wherein near to said top end and said base ring a web or skirt extends from said spine around a substantial proportion of the periphery of said top end and said base ring.
- 30 39. A frame as claimed in claim 38, wherein said web or skirt has a tapered or convergent shape whereby near to said spine said web or skirt is of a greater width or height by comparison to the a location opposite said spine.

40. A frame as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 39, wherein at a location opposite to said spine a strut is used to maintain the portions of said top end and said base ring which are opposite to the location of connection to said spine, in their spaced apart condition.
41. A frame as claimed in any one of claims 34 to 40, wherein said frame including said top end, spine and base ring are formed from a single integral moulding.
42. A frame as claimed in claim 41 when dependent upon claim 40, wherein said strut can also be formed in the single integral moulding.